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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Asghar Bilgrami

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/21/2005 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Achour et al (U.S. 6,363,260) and (Jungck et al (U.S. Pub No. 2002/0009079).

4. As per claims 1, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 29 & 30 Achour disclosed a method comprising: generating a preferred list of edge sites from a plurality of edge sites (col.7, lines 55-

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62) upon receiving a media content request from a client (col.6, lines 30-42); providing the preferred list to the client (col.8, lines 13-24). However Achour did not explicitly disclose requesting the media content by accessing a first edge site from the preferred list; providing the media content from the first edge site to the client; monitoring the providing of the media content from the first edge site to the client for disturbance; requesting an uninterrupted stream of the media content (page.4, paragraph.44) by accessing a second edge site from the preferred list when encountering the disturbance; and providing the media content from the second edge site to the client.

In the same field of endeavor Jungck disclosed requesting the media content by accessing a first edge site from the preferred list (page.3, paragraph. 35); providing the media content from the first edge site to the client (page.3, Paragraphs. 36); monitoring the providing of the media content from the first edge site to the client for disturbance (page.15, paragraph.111 & page.25, paragraph.184); requesting the media content by accessing a second edge site from the preferred list when encountering the disturbance; and providing the media content from the second edge site to the client (page.8, paragraphs.73 & page.9, paragraph.75).

It would have been obvious to one in the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated traffic monitoring capability and switching over to an alternate traffic source site as taught by Jungck in a system offering plurality of traffic source sites to a requesting client as taught by Achour to improve the quality of service available to the client and intern making the network more versatile and resilient to failures.

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5. As per claim 2 Achour-Jungck disclosed the method of claim 1, wherein the client comprises a viewer (Jungck, page 4. paragraph 44).

6. As per claim 3 Achour-Jungck disclosed the method of claim 1, wherein the client comprises a listener (Jungck, page 4. paragraph 44).

7. As per claims 4, 5 & 12 Achour-Jungck disclosed the method of claim 1, wherein the generating the preferred list is performed by a data center, based on a predetermined criteria (Achour, col.7, lines 55-67 and col.8, lines 1-12 & 13-24).

8. As per claims 6, 7, 8, 27 & 28 Achour-Jungck disclosed the method of claim 1, wherein the requesting the media content is performed by an Intelligent Media Accessor (Jungck, page 7. paragraph 65).

9. As per claims 13, 15 & 25 Achour-Jungck disclosed the method of claim 12, wherein the predetermined criteria may include availability of the media content, geographical proximity of the plurality of edge sites, network availability, and quality level of the media content (Jungck, page 9. paragraph.75 and page.18, paragraph.125).

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10. As per claims 21, 22, 23 & 26 Achour-Jungck disclosed the machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the providing the preferred list to the client is performed by the data center comprising a main repository of the media content and a table indicating the media content of edge sites on the preferred list of edge sites (Achour, col.7, lines 55-67 and col.8, lines 1-12 & 13-24).

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed 05/09/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

12. Applicant argued that Jungck fails to teach or reasonably suggest "providing an interrupted stream of the media content from the second edge site to the client" as disclosed in claim 1.

13. As to applicant's arguments Jungck disclosed that clients 102, 104, 106 engage in data exchanges with servers 108, 110 & 112, these data exchanges typically involve many types of media to include audio, video & streaming media, which is uninterrupted in nature (page.4, paragraph.44).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Asghar Bilgrami whose telephone number is 571-272-3907. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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